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Subject: Deny Permits for Dewey-Burdock Uranium Mine

Dear EPA,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Underground Injection Control Program's Draft Permits for the Proposed Dewey-Burdock Uranium Mine and Deep Disposal Wells.

The proposed mine and deep disposal wells are in an area that is well-documented to have faults, fractures, breccia pipes, and over 7000 old boreholes that have not been properly plugged. It will be impossible to contain mining fluids or waste liquids, and contamination of groundwater resources is not only very likely, but certain.

I am also concerned that adequate oversight of the quality of liquid wastes pumped into the Minnelusa Formation through the proposed deep disposal wells will prove to be inadequate, and groundwater is almost certain to be contaminated.

A full survey of cultural and historical sites is needed before mining or deep disposal is allowed. Cultural and historical sites must be protected.

The history of uranium mining indicates that uranium mining cannot be done without creating and leaving significant contamination with a half-life well beyond that of the human species. Groundwater has NEVER been returned to its original condition at any in-situ leach uranium mine in the U.S. These permits should not be issued until it can be demonstrated that groundwater resources will be protected; and that is impossible.

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